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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS et al.

Serial No.: 09/987,248

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING
WATER REMOVAL IN A
PRESS NIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: J. Fortuna

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's Communication dated April 25, 2002, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1, 4, and 5 to include the designation: "prior art."

Marked up copies of the drawings in red have been provided. The applicants
respectfully request the Examiner's acceptance of the proposed drawing revisions.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 38-42, without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

52. An apparatus for forming an absorbent paper sheet product comprising:

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